

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/628,598

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/31/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20061109.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James V. Lilly on 11/09/2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 8, line 9; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 8, line 13; replace the word "adapted" with --configured--.

In claim 12, line 1; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 13, lines 1-2; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 17, line 9; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 17, line 13; replace the word "adapted" with --configured--.

In claim 21, line 2; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 21, line 5; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 24, line 9; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 24, line 12; replace the word "adapted" with --configured--.

In claim 24, line 17; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

In claim 25, line 2; insert the word --fluid-- between the words "communicative" and "conduit".

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Matsui (US 5,766,671) discloses a system for using a fluid composition to form a coating comprising, among others, a pressure communicative line (see Fig 5) connecting the pressure sensor (72) to the interior of the coating enclosure (cup 54) through controller (82) and others. However, in Matsui the pressure communicative line is not a conduit for flowing fluid through the line, instead the line is used to pass electrical or electronic signals from the pressure sensor (72) to the amplifier (74), CPU and a controller (82), which is in communication with the coating enclosure exhaust system (54,56). Prior art of record does not disclose or fairly suggest a system for using a fluid composition to form a coating of a desired thickness on a surface of a workpiece, comprising, among others, a coating enclosure inside the processing chamber, a pressure sensor positioned outside the coating enclosure, wherein a pressure communicative fluid

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conduit operatively coupling the pressure sensor to the interior of the coating enclosure, such that the pressure signal generated by the pressure sensor is indicative of the pressure inside the coating enclosure.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yewebdar T. Tadesse whose telephone number is (571) 272-1238. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4: 30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Smith" followed by a stylized flourish.

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